

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 15 are the independent claims. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

Specification

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

The examiner maintains that the limitation found in claims 6, 12, and 16 “a surface normal vector” is not found in the specification.

Applicants respectfully disagree. As previously indicated, the phrase is clearly described at least on page 5 of the specification. The meaning of the phrase is clearly “ascertainable by reference to the description.” 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(d)(1). Moreover, the same language appeared in original claim 6. Original claim 6 formed part of the specification. See MPEP 608.01(o).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims and believe the claims as amended overcome the rejection.

Claim Objections

Claims 10-14 are objected to because of the following informalities: at line 14 “are” seems inappropriate.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims and submits the rejection is overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In the view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative.

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